

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## TRAFFIC ALERT DOWNTOWN WEEKEND EVENTS – TRAVEL INFORMATION

Downtown Tucson will be the host of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 21, 2013. The parade will stage on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Stone Avenue and proceeds Stone Avenue, turns east on Ochoa Street to Scott Avenue, then turns east on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Sixth Avenue and ends at Sixth Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street by Armory Park.

Attendees of the parade are encouraged to arrive early in order to avoid traffic detours necessary for the event. More information about the Downtown Parade of Lights may be found at: <a href="https://www.downtowntucson.org">www.downtowntucson.org</a>. Please note that pedestrian and bicycle access is being maintained in and around road closures. Businesses, parking garages and parking lots are open and accessible. There are over 15,000 available parking spaces in the Downtown Tucson. Further information on parking options for the parade can be found at: <a href="http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parkwise">http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parkwise</a>. Below is the vehicular travel restrictions associated with this event.

**Downtown Parade of Lights** – Beginning Saturday, December 21, 2013, at 4 p.m., until approximately 8:30 p.m., 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets will be closed between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Stone, Scott and Sixth Avenues will be closed between Broadway and 18<sup>th</sup> Street. All streets should reopen to traffic at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Motorists driving in the downtown area may experience traffic delays associated with this event and several road improvement projects. Attendees of the parade are encouraged to arrive early in order to avoid traffic detours necessary for the event. The traveling public should use caution when driving, bicycling or walking in these areas. Please watch for event participants, obey all traffic control, and watch for detour signs and personnel providing traffic control.

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